



Fair Housing 2nd Annual Poster Contest



*Come and learn about Fair Housing and the 2nd Annual Fair Housing Poster Contest on **Monday April 3, 2017 at 3:15 pm** at the **Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library**. We will have **snacks, art materials and poster paper** for participants.*

In celebration of April as the Fair Housing Month, the Office of Housing in Partnership with Alexandria Library will host the **Fair Housing 2nd Annual Poster Contest** with the theme: **“Alexandria is a Welcoming Community”**. Submissions will be accepted from all City of Alexandria students in **grades K through 7** for a poster that best represents the theme through original artwork.

The poster contest is intended to educate our youth on how fair housing laws protect all Alexandrians against illegal housing discrimination by promoting equitable access to housing choices. According to the federal, state and City fair housing laws and regulations **all residents** have equal access to housing regardless of sex, race, color, religion, age, familiar status, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or national origin.

Multiple winners may be selected from the following categories: .

K – 1st grade

2nd - 3rd grade

4th - 5th grade

6th – 7th grade

Deadline for submission is 5:00 pm on Friday, April 21, 2017. Entries must be submitted before the deadline to either the **Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library** 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria VA 22304 or to the **Office of Housing** 421 King Street, Suite 200 Alexandria VA 22314.

Rules and guidelines:

Only one entry per student. All artwork must be original. The art must demonstrate and include the words: “Alexandria is a welcoming community”. All posters must be 11 x 17 (Poster paper will be provided by the libraries and the Office of Housing). All original art mediums accepted. (No computer generated artwork). Bold colors and a variety of artistic media (crayons, markers, acrylic, water paint, colored pencils, collages, fabric, etc.) is encouraged. Artwork will be judged on originality, visual impact, artistic merit and overall adherence to the contest theme. Entries without signed registration forms will not be eligible for prizes. Per registration form all artwork will become property of the City of Alexandria and Alexandria Library and will not be returned. All submissions must contain the entry form and waiver attached and include name, school, grade, phone number, email and address. The top three winners will be chosen by a panel of City of Alexandria Office of Housing and Public Library employees. For additional information please contact Caridad Palerm at 703-746-3079.

Gift cards will be awarded to winning entries

Each artist will receive a certificate of participation.



ENTRY FORM AND WAIVER

(Please cut and attach to your poster)

Contestant's Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Home address: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Phone: _____

Parent's Email: _____

By signing this form, I hereby grant permission to have my child's name, age, school and artwork be reproduced and appear in publications distributed by the City of Alexandria and Alexandria Library.

Parent's Signature

Date